

REMARKS

Applicants' counsel acknowledges a discussion with the Examiner on February 7, 2007, who indicated that the amendment filed December 6, 2006 was not entered because Claim 37, which was intended to have been rewritten in independent form, without change in claim scope, did change its scope. (It included dimethylnonylamine in the amine compound (1) Markush group.) Applicants' counsel represents that the change in scope was unintentional. Nevertheless, the present amendment, in effect, corrects this error.

While this amendment is being filed more than 6 months after the Final Rejection, Applicants submit that it should be entered, even if informally by simply deleting "dimethylnonylamine" from the amine compound (1) Markush group in the amendment filed December 6, 2006, since it corrects an inadvertent error and would have been earlier filed had not the Advisory Action been entered close to 2 months after submission of the amendment filed December 6, 2006.

Applicants traverse the rejections of record for reasons stated in the Appeal Brief, submitted herewith.

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